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TAGS: OVIP (W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL)
SUBJECT: VISIT TO BRUSSELS BY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL

REF: (A) STATE 95716; (B) BRUSSELS 7197

1. BELGIAN FINANCE MINISTER GEENS WILL ATTEND THE SECRETARY'S CALL ON PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS.
2. MINISTER GEENS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL BEFOREHAND (1000 OR 1015) TO DISCUSS MORE TECHNICAL FINANCIAL ISSUES WHICH WILL COME UP AT THE INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS LATER THE SAME WEEK. ACCORDING TO GEENS' INTERNATIONAL COUNSELOR, JACQUES VAN YPERSELE, THE MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT WITTEVEEN'S NEW PROPOSAL FOR A DOLLAR-SUBSTITUTION FACILITY, REFORM OF THE SDR AND RATIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL WITTEVEEN FACILITY. HE WOULD ALSO BE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION OF ANY PARTICULAR CONCERNS THE SECRETARY MIGHT HAVE (VAN YPERSELE MENTIONED IMF/IBRD SALARIES).
3. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL CAN SEE GEENS AS REQUESTED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED

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THAT GEENS' OFFICE IS IN A BUILDING ADJOINING THAT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THERE WOULD THUS BE LITTLE DIFFICULTY OR LOSS OF TIME INVOLVED IN MOVING FROM THIS APPOINTMENT TO THAT WITH TINDEMANS.

4. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO US AND TO THE BELGIANS TO KNOW WHO, IF ANYONE, WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THE SECRE-

TARY ON HIS GEENS (IF ACCEPTED) AND TINDEMANS CALLS.

5. GEENS WILL ATTEND THE BELGO-AMERICAN LUNCHEON AND DEPART LATER THE SAME DAY FOR MEXICO CITY.
6. OTHER QUESTIONS POSED REFTTEL (A) ON BELGIAN ASPECTS OF THE VISIT BEING ANSWERED SEPTTEL. OLSEN

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